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ACTION AF-18

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FM AMEMBASSY MOGADISCIO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 2236

INFO AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY OTTAWA

USUN NEW YORK 370

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAIR UK SO

SUBJ: SIAD VISIT TO CUBA

REF: A. STATE 200669; B. LONDON 11803 (NOTAL)

1. DURING FIRST WEEK OF SEPT., SENIOR BRIT PILOT EMPLOYED SOMALI AIRLINES AND ONLY AUTHORIZED PILOT FOR BRITISH-OWNED 720B AIRCRAFT, WAS TOLD THAT GSDR WISHED SCHEDULE FLIGHT SEPT. 18 MOGADISCIO-HAVANA BY MOST DIRECT SOUTHERN ROUTE. HE WAS LED TO BELIEVE THAT FLIGHT WAS FOR PRES. SIAD AND 110 PERSONS. BRIT PILOT POINTED OUT THAT SOUTHERN ROUTE TO CUBA VIA WEST AFRICA IMPOSSIBLE BECAUSE 720B NOT PROPERLY EQUIPPED AND CREW NOT PROPERLY QUALIFIED FOR TRANSATLANTIC CROSSING. ONLY ROUTE HE WAS PREPARED TO TAKE WAS NORTHERN ROUTE VIA ROME, LONDON (WHERE QUALIFIED CREW AND ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT COULD BE PICKED UP) ICELAND, OTTAWA AND ON TO HAVANA.

2. AFTER LENGTHY DISCUSSION, GSDR OFFICIALS AGREED TO MORE  
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EXPENSIVE NORTHERN ROUTE, SENIOR PILOT WAS APPARENTLY NOTIFIED

AT THAT POINT THAT FLIGHT WAS TO TRANSPORT 110 SOMALI TECHNICAL STUDENTS TO CUBA FOR TRAINING. DATE OF DEPARTURE WAS ALSO MOVED FORWARD FROM SEPT. 18 TO SEPT. 16.

3. BRITISH PILOT INFORMED HIS OFFICE IN LONDON OF DETAILS REGARDING TRIP FOLLOWING INITIAL GSDR REQUEST, WHEN IT APPEARED

THAT PURPOSE OF TRIP WAS TO TAKE SIAD TO HAVANA.

4. WE WILL REPORT ANY ADDITIONAL INFO WE RECEIVE REGARDING POSSIBILITY OF SIAD VISIT TO CUBA, WHICH WE INCLINE TO DOUBT AT PRESENT TIME.

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